

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on November 16, 2021 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**PRESENT:** Chair Joe Aulik, Duane Pierce, Louise Dahlke, Ken Corry

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**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Aulik at 4:30 pm.

**2. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Louise Dahlke to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 19, 2021.**

**Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Louise Dahlke to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Opening Invocation.**

An invocation was given by Joe Aulik at this time.

**5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.**

CVSO Joe Aulik informed Register of Deeds Cheryl Berken has enrolled several new businesses in the Honor Rewards Program.

**6. Discussion Regarding Veterans Day.**

Aulik noted all the discounts were listed in the newspaper. The event at the Veterans Memorial Complex went well and the speaker they had was very good. Duane Pierce attended events at Pearly Gates and the Yacht Club and both were good. Aulik spoke at the Moose Lodge and also did a number of television interviews. Overall the day went well.

**7. Discussion regarding Subcommittee Bylaws/Rules and Membership.**

Aulik informed he talked to Corporation Counsel David Hemery about bylaws and was informed there are not any for this Subcommittee. A discussion regarding in-person meetings versus virtual meetings took place and the general consensus was that in-person meetings are the preference. With regard to membership, Aulik will contact several members who have not attended for a while to see if they still want to be part of this group. He also said we can talk further in the future about replacing Joan Brusky and thoughts regarding having a County Board Supervisor on this Subcommittee.

8. **Report from CVSO Joe Aulik.**

Aulik reported they are about to hit the \$4 million dollar mark in retroactive payments for the second year in a row which is very exciting.

The 4<sup>th</sup> HOOAH of Wisconsin recently held their ruck march which was attended by about 750 people and raised \$125,000. In addition, as a result of the event several veterans have been in contact with the Aulik's office regarding filing claims. Money raised at the march will be used for a motorcycle licensing program, veterans volleyball, yoga and spin classes as well as a number of other programs offered by 4<sup>th</sup> HOOAH.

Aulik continued that Gail in the Veterans Office is working on a transportation program to help veterans get to medical appointments. There is nothing available in some of the outlying areas to help with this so Gail will be working with DAV on a grant to pay for this and then use a voucher system to get vets to their appointments. Ken Corry noted that American Legion Auxiliary is also looking into transportation for veterans.

9. **Report from Committee Members Present (Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce).**

-Corry commented briefly on Veterans Day events he attended. He also mentioned there was a stolen valor issue near Lambeau Field on a recent Packers game day. A group indicated they were with the Veterans Administration and were raising funds for homeless veterans. The group had collected quite a bit of money and gave Ken a business card, but there was no phone number on the card or any other contact information. Aulik informed this should be reported to the Office of the Inspector General for further investigation or to the Ashwaubenon Police Department or Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Corry continued that the Vets Center had about 156 new veterans this year. They are currently booking appointments several weeks out and Corry encouraged Aulik to keep the referrals coming in. He also talked about a community interagency outreach team which has been created to gather information and distribute it out to VA staff at the clinics so everyone knows what is going on throughout the veteran community.

-Dahlke reported the Fair Association is getting underway with their new officers. She is not directly on the Fair Board; she is more of a liaison with them for the veterans appreciation event. She does not see too much changing for the event next year. Aulik asked Dahlke to ask the Fair Board to list the veterans event on the Fair website and to make it larger on the posters.

Dahlke also talked about two veterans who were recognized during the rodeo. She was asked at the last minute if she knew any Vietnam veterans and she was able to line someone up for Friday night and Saturday night with the help of Ed Koslowski. Aulik suggested that a woman be chosen next year as they often get overlooked.

-Pierce informed Amvets will be holding a meat raffle on December 4 at 2:00 pm at Duck Creek Pub. There will also be a meat raffle on December 5 at 1:00 pm at Harbor Lights.

10. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

The next meeting date was discussed and it was decided to meet again on March 15, 2022.

11. **Closing Invocation.**

Joe Aulik gave a closing invocation at this time.

12. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Ken Corry, seconded by Duane Pierce to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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